

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/551,874 Confirmation No. : 3945  
Applicant : RUSSWURM, Stefan  
Filed : September 30, 2005  
Group Art Unit : 1645  
Examiner : Unassigned  
Docket No. : 3535-027  
For : METHOD FOR RECOGNIZING ACUTE GENERALIZED  
INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS (SIRS), SEPSIS, SEPSIS-  
LIKE CONDITIONS AND SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Introductory Comments**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper; and
- **Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.